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The Honorable Bob Stump, Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Stump:

Attached is a copy of the Commission's first annual report to the Congress. Congress directed us to look at the wide scope of the U.S.-China bilateral economic and trade relationship, with a focus on its national security implications. We spent the last year holding hearings, engaging in original research and conducting meetings to serve as the eyes and ears of Congress. We have tried to augment Senators' and members' understanding of this complicated, big and growing relationship between the U.S. and China, its dangers, trends, opportunities, and particularly its unknowns.

The Report is a bipartisan product, the results of a broad agreement among nearly all of the Commissioners, a highly varied group of people who put fresh eyes on this subject, and approved the Report by a vote of 11-1.

The Report is an educational report and an action document. Each Chapter highlights findings and makes recommendations, which flow from those findings. The Executive Summary gives the key 21 recommendations, but you will find many others at the end of each Chapter.

The Documentary Annex that accompanies the Report contains original research and original translations of Chinese materials and will be mailed to you under separate cover.

We believe that this Report will provide a baseline for assessing changes in U.S.-China relations — the positive and the negative — in the years ahead. We hope it will also contribute to the development of a strong Congressional and national consensus that will serve as a reliable foundation for our policies toward China.

We would be happy to brief you and your staff on the Report and the Commission's future activities and work. I hope it meets your expectations.

Yours truly,


C. Richard D'Amato
Chairman

Attachment